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In re U.S. National Phase of)
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Tsutomu ASAWA, et al.) Group Art Unit:
Application No.: Not Yet Assigned) Examiner:
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Sir:

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Pursuant to 37 C.F.R. §§1.56 and 1.97(b), applicants bring to the Examiner's attention the documents listed on attached Form PTO/SB/08 and cited in the international search report. Copies of the listed foreign patent documents are attached. Applicants respectfully request that the Examiner consider the documents listed on attached Form PTO/SB/08 and indicate that they were considered by making an appropriate notation on this form.

This Information Disclosure Statement is being filed with the above-referenced application.

The following are listed on the accompanying PTO/SB/08 and are in a non-English language:

1. Japanese Patent Application No. 2002-182784.

2. Japanese Patent Application No. 2002-124226.

3. Japanese Patent Application Publication No. 2003-256116 - The relevance of this document is discussed at page 1 of the specification of the present application.

In lieu of a statement of relevance or the translation of the non-English documents, enclosed is an English-language international search report from the Japanese Patent Office in the PCT international application, from which this national phase U.S. application is derived, citing these documents and setting forth the relevance thereof.

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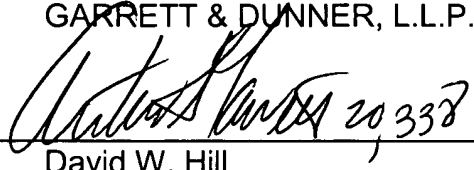
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